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Dear Mr. Turley:

This letter will serve as a follow-up to our earlier phone conversation regarding a response by Senator Kit Bond and his committee to the complaint in MUR 4819.

As I stated earlier, Brian Lewis, who serves as my deputy general counsel and is the attorney assigned to this matter, was transferred to Nevada yesterday to participate in the recount of the Nevada U.S. Senate race. This transfer was done with no advance notice, as I expected the recount in Nevada to commence on December 7th (which would have corresponded nicely with the current due date of Senator Bond's response). Instead, the Secretary of State in Nevada has allowed the recount to begin in selected counties starting yesterday, and the recount will continue today, tomorrow and recommence again on Monday. Accordingly, Mr. Lewis (and I) will be out of the office for the foreseeable future, but hope to return to D.C. by December 15, 1998.

After we return, we will need a few extra days to get in touch with our clients (including any witnesses and affiants) in Missouri, who also have a heavy travel schedule in the month of December. Accordingly, I respectfully request an extension of time until December 23, 1998 to respond to the complaint in this matter. It is my hope that the response will be received by the Commission before then, but out of an abundance of caution, I request until the 23rd so as to not have to reapply to the Commission

As you know, the months after an election can be as busy for party committee lawyers as the months leading up to a general election. The NRSC and Senator Bond take their compliance responsibilities with the Commission very seriously, and are eager to respond to the complaint in this matter. However, we request this extra extension so that the Commission may have a complete and accurate response to MUR 4819, taking into account the scheduling and staffing difficulties my office is temporarily facing.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Please call me at 202/675-6073 (to leave a message) with any further information.

Sincerely,



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